308 Grants and Cooperative Agreements with Public International Organizations

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308.1 Authority

The Foreign Assistance Act of 1961, as amended, (FAA), Sections 103-107; 209; 301; 491; 621; 635.

308.2 Objective

To set forth USAID policy on the award of grants and cooperative agreements to Public International Organizations (PIOs). Because PIOs normally receive grants, not cooperative agreements, the term "grant" will be used in the rest of this chapter and will be considered to include both grants and cooperative agreements.

This chapter is applicable to grant agreements with Public International Organizations (PIOs) as specifically defined in the GLOSSARY.

308.3 Responsibility

- 1. Assistant Administrators (AAs): AAs are responsible for signing grants to Public International Organizations (PIOs) for programs within the area of responsibility granted under 103.5.8b.
- 2. The Director, Bureau for Management, Office of Procurement (M/OP): The Director of M/OP is responsible for signing grants to PIOs under the authority of 103.5.10g.
- 3. The Director, Bureau for Humanitarian Response, Office of Foreign Disaster Assistance (BHR/OFDA): The Director of BHR/OFDA is responsible for signing grants to PIOs within the limitations of the Policy Cable "USAID Office of U.S. Foreign Disaster Assistance (OFDA) Guidance for FY 1997".
- 4. Grant Officers: Grant Officers are responsible for signing grants to PIOs under individual warrants.
- 5. The Bureau for Management, Office of Procurement, Special Projects Unit (M/OP/SPU): M/OP/SPU is responsible for collecting data and preparing reports for USAID, other agencies, and Congress.
- 6. Assistant Administrator, Bureau for Global Programs, Field Support and Research (G/AA): G/AA is responsible for designating qualifying International Agricultural Research Centers (IARCs) as PIOs.

308.4 Definitions (See Glossary Word | PDF | HTML)

PUBLIC INTERNATIONAL ORGANIZATION (PIO)

308.5 POLICY

The following are the official Agency policies and corresponding essential procedures:

308.5.1 PUBLIC INTERNATIONAL ORGANIZATIONS (PIOS)

For a listing of PIOs that may receive assistance agreements under the terms of this chapter, (See Mandatory Reference, <u>List of Public International Organizations</u>).

While most International Agricultural Research Centers (IARCs) are not designated as PIOs, it is USAID's policy to provide core support grants to these organizations in accordance with the provisions of this Chapter. Organizations qualifying for support as IARCs are designated by the Assistant Administrator for the Global Bureau.

Organizations which are not listed as PIOs or IARCs shall not be awarded grants under this chapter unless the Assistant General Counsel for the cognizant Bureau approves the organization as a PIO based on evidence that the organization is a public international organization (i.e., is composed principally of governments) in which the U.S. participates.

E308.5.1 Public International Organizations (PIOs) - N/A

308.5.2 FAA SECTION 301 CONTRIBUTIONS

FAA Section 301 contributions are not made using assistance instruments issued by the offices named in 308.3.1.; rather, the State Department disburses funds to PIOs. These are called "voluntary" contributions, to distinguish them from "assessed" contributions which the United States may owe by virtue of its membership in such organizations. A specific amount of funds is appropriated for contributions under Section 301(a) of the FAA, and Congress sometimes indicates how much is to be contributed to identified programs of international organizations under this authority in any year.

USAID may not lawfully supplement the appropriation under Section 301(a) with funds from the appropriation accounts for which USAID is responsible, such as the Development Assistance Fund. This restriction is based on Comptroller General decisions concluding that the Executive Branch cannot use more general appropriations to supplement amounts

Congress has decided to make available for a purpose through specific appropriations and on guidance from congressional committees.

E308.5.2 FAA Section 301 Contributions - N/A

308.5.3 GRANT AGREEMENTS WITH PIOS

Grant agreements with PIOs are appropriate when a pre-award determination is made that all of the following conditions are met:

- a) support for a PIO's program or activity (either an expansion of its current program or the initiation of a new program or activity) is considered to be an effective and efficient way to achieve a particular development assistance or disaster relief objective;
- b) the program and objectives of the PIO are compatible with those of USAID;
- c) there is no reason to consider the PIO not responsible; and
- d) grants are made for specific programs of interest to USAID, and do not augment a PIO's general operating budget, or supplement the assistance granted under Section 301 of the FAA (**See 308.5.1**).

E308.5.3 Grant Agreements with PIOs

The implementation request to award a grant to a PIO must include a memo addressing the points in 308.5.3.

308.5.4 COMPETITION

Competition is not required for grants with PIOs.

E308.5.4 Competition - N/A

308.5.5 ADMINISTRATION

Member states must respect the independence of PIOs, and the integrity of the PIO's operations within the framework of its charter. It is a general policy principle that international organizations, composed of many member nations, cannot be expected to subject their books and records to inspection by officials of each country participating in the organization. Accordingly, USAID generally relies on the international organization's management, including internal auditing and procurement policies and procedures (See 308.5.7a for legal and administrative constraints when USAID is the sole contributor). Grants to international

organizations are subject to the requirements of the Case-Zablocki Act (**See Mandatory Reference** <u>1 USC 112b</u>) as set forth in <u>350.5.3</u>.

E308.5.5 Administration - N/A

308.5.6 USAID IN-KIND CONTRIBUTIONS

It is permissible for USAID to arrange to provide part or all of its support in kind. USAID shall procure the goods and services directly pursuant to USAID's procurement policies.

E308.5.6 USAID In-Kind Contributions - N/A

308.5.7 LEGAL AND ADMINISTRATIVE CONSTRAINTS

The legal and administrative constraints in 308.5.7a through 308.5.7c apply to USAID grants to PIOs.

E308.5.7 Legal and Administrative Constraints - N/A

308.5.7a WHEN USAID IS THE SOLE CONTRIBUTOR

Whenever a PIO establishes a fund limited solely to the USAID contribution, the General Accounting Office (GAO) must have audit rights under the agreement in accordance with Section 301(d) of the FAA. If, under the above circumstances, a PIO elects not to allow the GAO access to its records, USAID cannot issue a grant. The United Nations and its specialized agencies (e.g. Food and Agriculture Organization (FAO), World Health Organization (WHO), United Nations Development Program (UNDP)) do not permit access to their books; therefore, USAID may not make a grant to the United Nations or its specialized agencies that establishes a fund to which USAID is the sole contributor.

USAID procurement policies and procedures are applicable, unless they are specifically waived.

E308.5.7a When USAID is the Sole Contributor - N/A

308.5.7b WHEN USAID IS NOT THE SOLE CONTRIBUTOR

When an international organization establishes a multi-donor fund, i.e. a fund for which the PIO solicits donations from entities in addition to USAID, USAID is not the sole contributor and USAID shall rely on the international organizations audit policies and procedures and its procurement policies and procedures.

E308.5.7b When USAID is not the Sole Contributor - N/A

308.5.7c WHEN USAID IS A MAJOR CONTRIBUTOR

When USAID is a major (i.e. largest) contributor, USAID, with the concurrence of the Department of State, Office of International Organizations (IO), may elect to negotiate the application of selected procurement and audit policies with the PIO to protect U.S. interests.

E308.5.7c When USAID is a Major Contributor - N/A

308.5.8 INELIGIBLE COUNTRIES

If a proposed grant is for a program which may include countries USAID is prohibited from providing assistance to under the FAA or applicable appropriation act, the cognizant General Counsel or Regional Legal Advisor shall be consulted about the assistance, and when the agreement is being developed, about appropriate language for the grant document.

E308.5.8 Ineligible Countries - N/A

308.5.9 PAYMENT

The Standard Provisions (**See 308.5.15**) cover periodic advances, reimbursement, and advance payment by letter of credit. For agreements funded by the Bureau for Humanitarian Response, Office of Foreign Disaster Assistance (BHR/OFDA) it is permissible to provide the entire amount of the grant, by check or funds transfer, at the time the grant is issued, if the grant is in response to requests for contributions to relief programs. If the methods used to compensate a PIO substantially deviate from the procedures set forth in the payment provisions, the Agreement Officer shall clear the method of payment with the paying office before the grant is issued.

E308.5.9 Payment - N/A

308.5.10 ADMINISTRATIVE COST RECOVERY

PIOs may incur ancillary administrative expenses related to program execution. USAID may compensate the PIO for some of these expenses, if requested, provided that the additional compensation does not augment an appropriation of U.S. funds for general expenses. If USAID does agree to pay some administrative costs, payment shall be subject to the following conditions:

- a) the Agreement Officer is responsible for negotiating a fair and reasonable fee, and for determining that the elements recovered by the fee have not been recovered under another component of the agreement;
- b) the fee appears as a fixed dollar amount. While the amount of the fee may be based on a percentage of a reasonable estimate of actual costs, the fee may not be written as a percentage of the costs or of the agreement total; and
- c) the relevant strategic objective or results package team confirms that the negotiated fee is program-specific and will not be applied for expenses outside the immediate management of the agreement.

E308.5.10 Administrative Cost Recovery - N/A

308.5.11 SIGNATURE AUTHORITY

The following individuals are authorized to sign grants to PIOs:

- a) Assistant Administrators, for programs within their area of responsibility under 103.5.8b;
- b) The Director, Office of Procurement, under 103.5.10g and Grant Officers under individual warrants; and
- c) The Director, Office of Foreign Disaster Assistance, within the limitations in the Policy Cable "USAID Office of U.S. Foreign Disaster Assistance (OFDA) Guidance for FY 1997".

E308.5.11 Signature Authority - N/A

308.5.12 DEVIATIONS

Deviations from the policies in this Chapter or the standard provisions shall be authorized only when essential to effect necessary performance under the agreement, or when special circumstances make such deviations clearly in the best interests of the Government.

The Director of the Office of Procurement, the cognizant Assistant Administrator, or the Mission Director may authorize a deviation for an agreement, which these individuals have authority to sign.

E308.5.12 Deviations

A request for approval to deviate shall be prepared and submitted in accordance with the essential procedures in E303.5.5, including the requirement for comments and the specified content.

308.5.13 CLEARANCES

Prior to signature by the USAID Grant Officer, the proposed PIO grant must be cleared by the appropriate GC office in USAID/W or Regional Legal Advisor to determine applicable authority under the Foreign Assistance Act, appropriate clauses, notification requirements, etc.

E308.5.13 Clearances - N/A

308.5.14 NUMBERING AND RECORDS CONTROL

Numbering and records control shall be accomplished through the New Management System (NMS).

E308.5.14 Numbering and Records Control - N/A

308.5.15 GRANT FORMAT AND STANDARD PROVISIONS

Grants to PIOs shall consist of a cover letter, schedule, (See Supplementary Reference, Sample Cover Letter and Schedule for Grants to Public International Organizations) program description, and the appropriate Standard Provisions as set forth in this section. These shall be used in all grants with PIOs, whether or not USAID is the sole contributor, unless otherwise noted in the applicability statement.

If additional provisions are needed, either because the United States is the sole contributor or because of the nature of the program, appropriate provisions found in the Mandatory Reference, Mandatory Standard Provisions for Non-U.S., Nongovernmental Grantees (formerly the Optional Standard Provisions for Non-U.S., Nongovernmental Grantees) shall be used (USAID Eligibility Rules for Goods and Services, Local Cost Financing, Title to and Use of Property, etc.) (See Mandatory Reference, Standard Provisions for Non-U.S., Nongovernmental Recipients). If it is necessary to negotiate with the PIO on the actual language to be included, it shall not be considered a deviation if the intent of the clause is unchanged.

E308.5.15 Grant Format and Standard Provisions - N/A

308.5.15a ALLOWABLE COSTS

ALLOWABLE COSTS (JULY 1988)

- 1) The grantee shall be reimbursed for costs incurred in carrying out the purposes of this grant which are reasonable, allocable, and allowable.
 - a. Reasonable shall mean those costs that do not exceed those which would be incurred by an ordinarily prudent person in the conduct of normal business.
 - b. Allocable shall mean those costs, which are necessary to the grant.
 - c. Allowable shall mean those costs which are reasonable and allocable, and which conform to any limitations set forth in this grant.
- 2) Prior to incurring a questionable or unique cost, the grantee is encouraged to obtain the grant officer's written determination as to whether the cost will be allowable.

E308.5.15a Allowable Costs - N/A

308.5.15b REFUNDS

REFUNDS (December 1996)

- 1) If the grantee earns interest on Federal advances prior to expending the funds for program purposes, the grantee shall remit the interest annually to USAID.
- 2) Funds obligated by USAID but not disbursed to the grantee at the time the grant expires or is terminated shall revert to USAID, except for such funds encumbered by the grantee by a legally binding transaction applicable to this grant. Any funds advanced to but not expended by the grantee at the time of expiration or termination of the grant shall be refunded to USAID except for such funds encumbered by the grantee by a legally binding transaction applicable to this grant.
- 3) If, at any time during the life of the grant, or as a result of final audit, it is determined that USAID funds provided under this grant have been expended for purposes not in accordance with the terms of this grant, the grantee shall refund such amount to USAID.

E308.5.15b Refunds - N/A

308.5.15c REVISION OF GRANT BUDGET

REVISION OF GRANT BUDGET (JULY 1988)

- 1) The approved grant budget is the financial expression of the grantee's program as approved during the grant award process.
- 2) The grantee shall immediately request approval from the grant officer when there is reason to believe that within the next 30 calendar days a revision of the approved grant budget will be necessary for any of the following reasons:
 - a. To change the scope or the objectives of the program and/or revise the funding allocated among program objectives by more than ten percent of the total budget amount unless the schedule states otherwise.
 - b. Additional funding is needed.
 - c. The grantee expects the amount of USAID authorized funds to exceed its needs by more than \$5,000 or five percent of the USAID award, whichever is greater.
- 3) Except as required by other provisions of this grant specifically stated to be an exception from this provision, the Government shall not be obligated to reimburse the grantee for costs incurred in excess of the total amount obligated under the grant. The grantee shall not be obligated to continue performance under the grant (including actions under the "Termination Procedures" provision) or otherwise to incur costs in excess of the amount obligated under the grant, unless and until the grant officer has notified the grantee in writing that such obligated amount has been increased and has specified the new grant total amount.

E308.5.15c Revision of Grant Budget - N/A

308.5.15d TERMINATION PROCEDURES

TERMINATION PROCEDURES (JULY 1988)

This agreement may be terminated, in whole or in part, by either party at any time upon 30 days written notice of termination. Upon receipt of and in accordance with a termination notice from the grant officer, the grantee shall take immediate action to cease all expenditures financed by this grant and to cancel all unliquidated obligations if possible. Further, upon receipt of notice of termination, the grantee shall not enter into any further obligations under this grant. Except as provided below, no further

reimbursement shall be made after the effective date of termination. The grantee shall within 30 days of the effective date of termination repay to the Government all unexpended USAID funds, which are not otherwise obligated by a legally binding transaction applicable to this grant. Should the funds paid by the Government to the grantee prior to the effective date of termination be insufficient to cover the grantee's obligations in a legally binding transaction, the grantee may submit to the Government within 90 days after the effective date of termination a written claim for such amount. The grant officer shall determine the amount(s) to be paid by the Government to the grantee under such claim in accordance with the "Allowable Costs" provision of this grant.

E308.5.15d Termination Procedures - N/A

308.5.15e INVESTMENT PROMOTION

INVESTMENT PROMOTION (January 1994)

No funds or other support provided hereunder may be used in a program or activity reasonably likely to involve the relocation or expansion outside of the United States of an enterprise located in the United States if non-US production in such relocation or expansion replaces some or all of the production of, and reduces the number of employees at, said enterprise in the United States.

No funds or other support provided hereunder may be used in a program or activity the purpose of which is the establishment or development in a foreign country of any export processing zone or designated area where the labor, environmental, tax, tariff, and safety laws of the country would not apply, without the prior written approval of USAID.

No funds or other support provided hereunder may be used in an activity which contributes to the violation of internationally recognized rights of workers in the recipient country including those in any designated zone or area in that country.

This provision must be included in all sub-agreements.

E308.5.15e Investment Promotion - N/A

308.5.15f NONLIABILITY

NONLIABILITY (JULY 1988)

USAID does not assume liability for any third party claims for damages arising out of this grant.

E308.5.15f Nonliability - N/A

308.5.15g AMENDMENT

AMENDMENT (JULY 1988)

The grant may be amended upon mutual consent of the parties by formal modifications to the basic grant document or by means of an exchange of letters between the grant officer and an appropriate official of the grantee.

E308.5.15g Amendment - N/A

308.5.15h NOTICES

NOTICES (JULY 1988)

Any notice given by USAID or the grantee shall be sufficient only if in writing and delivered in person, mailed, or cabled as follows:

To the USAID grant officer, at the address specified in the grant.

To grantee, at grantee's address shown in the grant or to such other address designated within the grant.

Notices shall be effective when delivered in accordance with this provision, or on the effective date of the notice, whichever is later.

E308.5.15h Notices - N/A

308.5.15i PUBLICATIONS AND MEDIA RELEASES

PUBLICATIONS AND MEDIA RELEASES (FEBRUARY 1994)

(This provision is applicable when publications are financed under the grant.)

1) If it is the grantee's intention to identify USAID's contribution to any publication, video or other information/media product resulting from this grant, the product shall state that the views expressed by the author(s) do not necessarily reflect those of USAID. Acknowledgements should identify the sponsoring USAID Office and Bureau or Mission as well as the U.S. Agency for International Development substantially as follows.

"This [publication, video or other information/media product (specify)] was made possible through support provided by the Office of ______,

Bureau for	, U.S. Agency f	or International Development,
under the terms of	Grant No	The opinions expressed
herein are those of	f the author(s) and d	o not necessarily reflect the views
of the U.S. Agency	y for International De	velopment."

- 2) The grantee shall provide the relevant strategic objective or results package team with one copy of all published works developed under this grant and with lists of other written work produced under the grant.
- 3) Except as otherwise provided in the terms and conditions of the grant, the author or the recipient is free to copyright any books, publications, or other copyrightable materials developed in the course of or under this grant, but USAID reserves a royalty-free nonexclusive and irrevocable right to reproduce, publish, or otherwise use, and to authorize others to use the work for U.S. Government purposes.

E308.5.15i Publications and Media Releases - N/A

308.5.15j AUDIT AND RECORDS PROVISIONS

Choose one of the following provisions as appropriate:

1) Standard

(This provision is applicable when USAID is not the sole contributor to the grant program.

AUDIT AND RECORDS (STANDARD) (JULY 1988)

The grantee shall maintain books, records, documents, and other evidence in accordance with the grantee's usual accounting procedures to sufficiently substantiate charges to the grant. The Grantee confirms that this program will be subject to an independent audit in accordance with the Grantee's usual auditing procedures, and agrees to furnish copies of these audit reports to USAID along with such other related information as may be reasonably requested by USAID with respect to questions arising from the audit report.

2) USAID Sole Contributor

(This provision is applicable when USAID is the sole contributor to the grant program.)

AUDIT AND RECORDS (USAID SOLE CONTRIBUTOR) (JULY 1988)

The grantee shall maintain books, records, documents, and other evidence in accordance with the grantee's usual accounting procedures to sufficiently substantiate charges to the grant. The Grantee agrees to make available to USAID or the Comptroller General of the United States all records and documents which support expenditures made under this program.

3) United Nations Grants

(This provision is applicable to grants to the United Nations when USAID is not sole contributor. When this provision is used the "Reporting and Evaluation" clause in the grant schedule should be deleted.)

Audit and Records (U.N. Grants) (July 1988)

- a. It is agreed that the grantee will furnish the U.S. government with a final report on activities carried out under this grant, including accounting for these funds in sufficient detail to enable USAID to liquidate the grant. The report should be submitted to the U.S. Mission to the U.N. in New York for forwarding to the USAID program office.
- b. It is understood that financial records, including documentation to support entries on accounting records and to substantiate charges against the grant, shall be maintained in accordance with the Grantee's usual accounting procedures, which shall follow generally, accepted accounting practices. All such financial records shall be maintained for at least three years after the final disbursement of funds under this grant.
- c. The Grantee confirms that the grant account will be audited in accordance with established procedures under appropriate provisions of the financial regulations and rules of the United Nations.

E308.5.15j Audit and Records Provisions - N/A

308.3.15k PAYMENT

One of the following payment provisions shall be inserted as appropriate.

1) Periodic Advance

(This provision is applicable when: (i) the grantee maintains procedures to minimize the time elapsing between the transfer of funds and the disbursement thereof, and (ii) the grantee's financial management system

meets generally accepted accounting standards for funds control and accountability.)

PAYMENT (PERIODIC ADVANCE) (OCTOBER 1991)

- a. Periodic advances shall be limited to the minimum amounts needed to meet current disbursement needs and shall be scheduled so that the funds are available to the grantee as close as is administratively feasible to the actual disbursements by the grantee for program costs. Cash advances made by the grantee to secondary recipient or the grantee's field organizations shall conform substantially to the same standards of timing and amount as apply to cash advances by USAID to the grantee.
- b. The grantee shall submit requests for advances (using SF-270, "Request for Advance or Reimbursement") at least monthly to the paying office specified in the grant letter. Requests shall state the estimated disbursements to be made during the period covered by the request, less the estimated balance of cash on hand at the beginning of the period and the advance amount being requested.
- c. The grantee shall submit a "Financial Status Report" (SF-269A) quarterly, no later than 30 days after the end of the period, to the paying office specified in the grant letter. The report shall show disbursements, advances received, and any cash remaining on hand for the period covered by the report. Within 90 days following the expiration of the grant, the grantee shall submit a SF-269A showing total disbursements, total advances received, and any cash remaining on hand, which will be refunded to USAID.
- d. If at any time, the USAID Controller determines that the grantee has demonstrated an unwillingness or inability to: (i) establish procedures that will minimize the time elapsing between cash advances and the disbursement thereof, (ii) timely report cash disbursements and balances as required by the terms of the grant, and (iii) impose the same standards of timing of advances and reporting on any sub-recipient or any of the grantee's overseas field organizations; the USAID Controller shall advise the grant officer who may suspend or revoke the advance payment procedure.

2) Cost-Reimbursement

(This provision is applicable when the grantee does not meet the standards for a letter of credit or for periodic advances)

PAYMENT (COST-REIMBURSEMENT) (JULY 1988)

The grantee shall submit to the paying office indicated in the grant letter an original and 3 copies of SF 1034, "Public Voucher for Purchases and Services Other Than Personal" and SF 1034A, Continuation of SF 1034, normally once a month, but in any event no less than quarterly. Each voucher shall be identified by the grant number and shall state the total costs for which reimbursement is being requested.

3) Letter of Credit

(This provision is applicable when a Letter of Credit is requested by the grantee and approved by USAID's Office of Financial Management.)

PAYMENT (LETTER OF CREDIT) (FEBRUARY 1997)

- a. Payment under this grant shall be by means of a Letter of Credit (LOC) in accordance with the terms and conditions of the LOC and any instructions issued by the USAID Bureau for Management, Office of Financial Management, Cash Management and Payment Division (M/FM/CMP).
- b. As long as the LOC is in effect, the terms and conditions of the LOC and any instructions issued by M/FM/CMP constitute the payment conditions of this grant superseding and taking precedence over any other clause of this grant concerning payment.
- c. The grantee should have written procedures that minimize the time elapsing between the transfer of funds and disbursement by the recipient. The grantee shall exercise prudent management of Federal funds by drawing only those funds, which are required for current use. The timing and the amount of the drawdown shall be as close as is administratively feasible to the actual disbursements by the grantee for direct program or activity costs and the proportionate share of any allowable indirect costs.
- d. If the LOC is revoked, payment may be made on a costreimbursement basis, in accordance with paragraph (f) of this clause.
- e. Revocation of the LOC is at the discretion of M/FM/CMP after consultation with the grant officer. Notification to the recipient of revocation must be in writing and must specify the reasons for such action.

f. If the LOC is revoked, the grantee shall submit to the USAID Controller an original and 3 copies of SF 1034, "Public Voucher for Purchases and Services Other Than Personal" and SF 1034A, Continuation of SF 1034, normally once a month, but in any event no less than quarterly. Each voucher shall be identified by the grant number and shall state the total costs for which reimbursement is being requested.

E308.3.15k Payment - N/A

308.6 Supplementary Reference

<u>Sample Cover Letter and Schedule for Grants to Public International Organizations</u>

308.7 Mandatory References

List of Public International Organizations

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Glossary Terms for 308

*Public International Organization (PIO) An organization in which the U.S. participates composed principally of governments. (Chapters 308, 636)

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